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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, CA, US

SUBJECT: JOINT US-CANADA PETROLEUM STORAGE STUDY

REF: STATE 118003

1. CANADIAN TEAM MET WITH DOE/STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON MAY 22-24 TO PREPARE FINAL DRAFT OF STUDY. INITIAL CANADIAN POSITION WAS THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO AGREE TO INCLUDE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EACH SIDE'S VIEWS ON ISSUES WHICH WILL REQUIRE FURTHER NEGOTIATION. US SIDE FELT THAT A REPORT WHICH MERELY IDENTIFIED UNRESOLVED ISSUES BUT GAVE NO IDEA OF UNDERLYING CONCERNS (AND POSSIBLE
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CONFLICTING GOALS) WOULD NOT BE USEFUL PRODUCT OF A 90 DAY PROJECT COMMISSIONED TO STUDY FEASIBILITY OF AND IDENTIFY OBSTACLES TO STRATEGIC OIL STORAGE IN A CANADIAN SITE.

2. MAJOR ISSUES THAT FINAL REPORT WILL LIKELY IDENTIFY AS REQUIRING FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ARE A) NATURE AND AMOUNT OF CANADIAN FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN SITE DEVELOPMENT AND

MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING PROVISION FOR RISK-BEARING OR
GUARANTY IF STORAGE FACILITY SHOULD BE UNSUITABLE OR ITS
COMPLETION DELAYED; B) PROVISION OF FAIR OPPORTUNITY FOR
US FIRMS AND LABOR TO COMPETE FOR CONTRACTS; AND C) AR-
RANGEMENTS FOR AN OPTION FOR EVENTUAL CANADIAN USE OF A

PORTION OF THE STRATEGIC STORAGE FACILITY.

3. CANADIAN TEAM RETURNED TO OTTAWA TO PREPARE ANOTHER
DRAFT FOR JOINT CONSIDERATION, AGREEING THAT THREE DAYS
OF MEETINGS HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL IN CLARIFYING POSITIONS
AND REMOVING AMBIGUITIES THAT HAD ARISEN AFTER MAY 11
OTTAWA MEETING. CANADIANS ALSO INDICATED THEY MAY NEED
TO SEEK CABINET APPROVAL FOR A STATEMENT IN FINAL REPORT
THAT CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO CONSIDER ACTIVE
PARTICIPATION IN A JOINT STRATEGIC STORAGE PROJECT (A
WILLINGNESS WHICH THE US SIDE HAD HERETOFORE PRESUMED).

4. WE ANTICIPATE RECEIVING CANADIAN DRAFT FOR REVIEW
BY JUNE 5.

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